

similar pair of *Aeshna cyanea* in my fingers, although I was not able to preserve their positions.

Finally, I can confirm Mr. Williamson's observations in the case of *Sympetrum vicinum*, at Philadelphia, November 6, 1900, and at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, September, 1902. In September, 1905, at Loch Bonnie, near Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks, New York, I attempted to make exact observations on the method of holding the female in *Lestes forcipatus* Ramb., but all that I could determine was that the terminal appendages of the male grasped the female's prothorax, the superior appendages on its posterior, the inferior appendages on its anterior, surface.

A New Ichneumonid.

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Metopius harbecki n. sp.—The following markings are yellow: Margin of facial shield, apical half of scutellum, a dot on postscutellum, the first abdominal segment, a small triangular patch on apex of the third dorsal abdominal segment, the apical margin of the fourth dorsal, third coxæ at apex and outer half of sides, third trochanters and small spot at apex of third femora.

The nearest ally to this distinct species is *pollinctorius* Say. Described from one specimen taken by Mr. H. S. Harbeck at Germantown, Philadelphia, on September 25, 1904. The type is in the collection of the American Entomological Society.

DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON, President of the Academy of Natural Sciences and Health Commissioner of Pennsylvania, has directed Mr. Henry L. Viereck to make a mosquito survey of the State.

LAST SUMMER, while collecting in a swamp, a skipper, *Pamphila melacomel*, alighted on my hand, turned its abdomen upward and the tip forward and discharged a small drop of colorless fluid on my hand. This it eagerly sucked up through its proboscis, repeating the operation not less than half a dozen times. I then placed the cyanide bottle over it. As soon as its struggles had ceased, I took it from the bottle, pressed the abdomen, and obtained a drop of the fluid. It was tasteless, possibly slightly sweet. This may be a common habit, but I have never happened to observe it before.—E. B. WILLIAMSON, Bluffton, Indiana.